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Memorandum

TO: { COMMENTS * MERGEFORMAT } Historic Landmarks Commission

FROM: Courtney Damkroger

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADDITION DATE: August 22, 2002

OF 450 N. 4TH ST. TO THE

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

APPROVED:	DATE:

BACKGROUND

The subject site consists of 0.14 acres on the east side of North Fourth Street opposite Hensley Avenue (450 N. Fourth Street). The Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Jose requested rezoning of the subject site in 2001, from the L-I Light Industrial Zoning District to the R-2 Two Family Residential Zoning District to allow the relocation of 37 S. Sixth Street, an historically significant single family house which was displaced by the Civic Center project. A Site Development permit (H01-02-012) to relocate the structure was approved. In addition, the Landmarks Comssionn approved an HP permit for the home at the August 7, 2002 meeting.

HISTORIC RESOURCE DESCRIPTION

The structure was evaluated as part of the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Civic Plaza Redevelopment Area. A brief description of the structure and its historic significance as described in the Civic Plaza EIR follows:

37 S. Sixth Street (Bergmann House): This c 1878, modest, vernacular, wood-frame house has a rectangular plan, cross-gable roof and exterior rustic siding. The house has one-over-one, wood-sash, double-hung windows. The prominent, projecting front porch (which may be a later addition) wraps around the house to the north façade. The hipped porch roof is supported by five square columns set on a low wall enclosing the porch. The house has a shed-roof rear addition. The building is eligible as a Structure of Merit on the San Jose Historic Resources Inventory. The building does not appear to be a sufficiently distinguished example of its style and period and does not appear to be associated with any persons of historic significance, and therefore does not appear to be eligible for the California Register of Historic Places.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Historic Preservation staff noticed the owner of the property of the addition of the building to the Inventory.

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Historic Landmarks Commission add $450~\rm N.~4^{th}$ St. to the San Jose Historic Resources Inventory.

Courtney Damkroger Historic Preservation Officer

Attachments

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